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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference 664732</p>		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below
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<p>Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.</p>		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. I	Basis of the opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																										
<p>1. Statement</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Novelty (N)</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Claims</td> <td style="width: 30%;"><u>1 - 5 4</u></td> <td style="width: 5%;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td>_____</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inventive step (IS)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td>_____</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td><u>1 - 5 4</u></td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td><u>1 - 5 4</u></td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td>_____</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>Document 1: JP 63-82002 A (Koden Electronics Co., Ltd.), 12 April 1988, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2001-284942 A (Hitachi Kokusai Electric Inc.), 12 October 2001, paragraphs 0017 and 0019, all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 3: JP 57-103406 A (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corp.), 28 June 1982, Full text; Fig. 2 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 4: JP 8-97632 A (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp.), 12 April 1996, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 5: JP 2003-509884 A (Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (publ)), 11 March 2003 & SE 9903115 A & CN 1391713 T & WO 2001/018910 A1 & AU 7047500 A & EP 1210746 A & US 2002-175871 A1</p> <p>Document 6: JP 2002-190708 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.) 5 July 2002, paragraphs 0070, 0090-0094, Figs. 9, 10, 20 & EP 1198028 A1 & CN 1348236 A & US 2002-47805 A1</p> <p>Document 7: JP 3-230603 A (Hiroyuki ARAI) 14 October 1991, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 8: JP 2001-352260 A (Siemens AG.), 21 December 2001, Full text; Figs. 7, 8 & EP 1137192 A1 & US 2002-44100 A1</p> <p>Document 9: JP 9-260938 A (Aisin Seiki Co., Ltd.) 03 October 1997, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 10: JP 2001-160710 A (Toyo Communication Equipment Co., Ltd.) 12 June 2001, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)</p>				Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1 - 5 4</u>	YES		Claims	_____	NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____	YES		Claims	<u>1 - 5 4</u>	NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 5 4</u>	YES		Claims	_____	NO
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Document 11: JP 2001-298388 A (Toshiba Tec Corp.), 26 October 2001, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

(1) Regarding the inventions of claims 1-4: documents 1 and 2

Document 1 describes an antenna device having a plurality of antennas placed in such a way as to have their main beam directions intersect perpendicularly with each other and a control means to connect one of the antennas selectively to a receiving circuit.

Document 2 describes an antenna device having a plurality of antennas wherein the antennas that are not connected to a receiving circuit are terminated.

The inventions of claims 1-4 would be easily conceived of by a party skilled in the art as needed by simply combining the inventions of documents 1 and 2.

(2) Regarding the inventions of claims 5-7: documents 1-4

Document 3 describes a waveguide antenna that opens only on one side and sends and receives wireless signals with a specified directional characteristic at the opened end.

Document 4 describes an antenna device having a hone antenna's opening on each side of a polygonal shape.

It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to use the waveguide antenna of document 3 in place of the hone antenna of document 4.

(3) Regarding the inventions of claims 7 and 8: documents 1-5

Document 5 describes forming a slot between the power supply point and the short-circuiting plate of a stack patch antenna.

(4) Regarding the inventions of claim 10: documents 1-6

Document 6 describes filling the inside of the waveguide tube with a dielectric substance in an antenna having a slot formed on the waveguide tube.

(5) Regarding the inventions of claims 11-18: documents 1-7

Document 7 describes planar type antennas placed adjacent to each other in such a way as to share a dividing wall conductor and to also form the dividing wall with a through hole (page 2, left bottom column).

(6) Regarding the inventions of claims 19-21: documents 1-7

Document 6 describes a matching conductor connected to the space between a ceiling conductor and a grounding conductor.

(7) Regarding the invention of claim 22: documents 1-8

Document 8 describes an antenna device having a plurality of matching conductors connecting a metallic plate to a bottom board.

(8) Regarding the invention of claim 23: documents 1-9

Document 9 describes a waveguide electrically connected to a bottom board.

(9) Regarding the inventions of claims 24-31: documents 1-10

Document 10 describes a waveguide having a perpendicular part and a horizontal part on the bottom board.

(10) Regarding the inventions of claims 32 and 33: documents 1-11

Document 11 describes an area antenna having a plurality of antenna elements, a signal level adjusting circuit, a phase shifter, and a signal synthesizer.

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- (11) Regarding the inventions of claims 32 and 33: documents 1-4
- (12) Regarding the inventions of claims 34-37: documents 1-6
- (13) Regarding the invention of claim 38: documents 1-7
- (14) Regarding the inventions of claims 39-44: documents 1-6
- (15) Regarding the inventions of claims 45-48: documents 1-7
- (16) Regarding the invention of claim 49: documents 1-8
- (17) Regarding the invention of claim 50: documents 1-9
- (18) Regarding the inventions of claims 51, 52, 54: documents 1-10
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